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FOR THE SECRETARY FROM EAGLEBURGER

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TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.), APER

SUBJECT: YOUR MEETING WITH GROMYKO

1. THE SOVIETS HAVE STILL NOT GIVEN US AGREEMENT FOR MAC TOON, DESPITE THE FACT THAT SCOWCROFT SPECIFICALLY RAISED THE ISSUE WITH VORONTSOV (AS YOU INSTRUCTED).

2. I MAY BE EXCESSIVELY STUFFY, BUT I CONSIDER THIS A FLAT INSULT AND UNACCEPTABLE. WHATEVER EXCUSES THE SOVIETS MAY GIVE, IT IS CLEAR TO ME THEY ARE PLAYING POLITICS AND HAVE DELIBERATELY DELAYED SO THAT THERE IS NO WAY FOR THE SENATE TO HEAR THE NOMINATION. IT IS THE SORT OF CHILDISHNESS OF WHICH THEY ARE SO CAPABLE; IT IS CONDUCT WE WOULD NEVER OURSELVES USE WITH THEM.

3. I STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT YOU RAISE WITH GROMYKO THIS EVENING THEIR FAILURE TO GRANT THE AGREEMENT AND MAKE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT WE EXPECT A PROMPT RESPONSE. YOU OUGHT TO MAKE IT CLEAR TO HIM THAT WE INTEND TO PROCEED WITH AN INTERIM APPOINTMENT IN LIGHT OF THE FACT THAT THEY HAVE

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NOW DELAYED BEYOND THE POINT WHERE SENATE CONFIRMATION IS

POSSIBLE.

4. FYI THE PRESIDENT HAS THE CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY TO
MAKE AN INTERIM APPOINTMENT, WHICH MUST THEN BE SUBMITTED
TO THE SENATE AS SOON AS IT COMES BACK INTO SESSION. THE
SENATE CAN THEN EITHER GO AHEAD WITH HEARINGS AND CONFIRMA-
TION OR LET THE NOMINATION LIE UNATTENDED, IN WHICH CASE
THE INTERIM APPOINTMENT CONTINUES UNTIL THE SENATE AGAIN
GOES OUT OF SESSION SINE DIE. ROBINSON

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